The Modified Vaccinia Ankara (MVA) based HIV vaccine is in developing stage involving lot of complex and complicated steps and has not reached the state of clinical trial.

Promotion of ISM

†454. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are quite indifferent to boost Indian Systems of Medicine in the country whereas special importance is being given to treatment through Ayurveda System abroad;

(b) if so, the funds provided by Government to each State during the last five years, to encourage Indian Systems of Medicine particularly the Ayurveda System, year-wise;

(c) whether funds allocated by Government to State Governments do not match their demands; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) The Government has taken several steps to develop and propagate Indian Systems of Medicine & Homoeopathy in the country. It has also taken steps to propagate ISM outside the country.

(b) to (d) The Department has been implementing schemes for promotion and propagation of the Indian Systems of Medicine & Homoeopathy including Ayurveda under which financial assistance is provided to various Government organisations/institutions and NGOs as per provisions of the respective schemes. State-wise allocation is not being made by this Department.

Prevention of consumption of Pan, Gutkha etc.

†455. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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